## Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

| Original Dpdated                              | ☐ Corrected ☐              | Supplemental  |
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| LRB Number <b>09-0677/2</b>                   | Introduction Number SE     | 3-580   |
| <b>Description</b> Animals taken into custody |                            |   |
| Fiscal Effect                                 |                            |   |
| Appropriations Re                             |                            | · May be possible<br>agency's budget<br>\[ \] No              |
| Permissive Mandatory                          | ecrease Revenue            | s Affected<br>Village ☑ Cities<br>Others<br>WTCS<br>Districts |
| Fund Sources Affected  GPR FED PRO PRS        | Affected Ch. 20 Appro      | opriations  |
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives DATCP 3/22/2010

| LRB Number 09-0677/2       | Introduction Number | SB-580 | Estimate Type | Original |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------|---------------|----------|
| Description                |                     |        |               |          |
| Animals taken into custody |                     |        |               |          |

## Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill makes several changes to the law affecting animals taken into custody by local officials. The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer protection estimates that the only local government fiscal effect relates to custody of animals involved in dog fighting cases.

Under current law, in cases of dog fighting, local governments are required to hold on to the dogs until there is a resolution of the dog fighting case. This is unique to dog fighting cases. In all other violations of Chapter 951, Wisc. Stats., there are mechanisms for the disposition of the animals, prior to resolution of the case.

This bill provides the local units of government the same options in dog fighting cases that are already available to them in other situations of alleged violation of ch. 951.

The bill would reduce local government costs for housing and care of these animals, which can be significant because dog fighting cases are often prolonged. The amount saved is indeterminate and will vary with the number of cases and animals involved. (In the recent case of dog fighting in Dane County, the county estimates that it cost \$200,000 to house and feed the animals involved and that costs would have been significantly lower if other housing options were available.)

## **Long-Range Fiscal Implications**